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14 March 1957

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Visit with [] on the Portable Hydrogen Generator 25X1

1. On 8 March 1957 the undersigned met with [] at [] to review the Portable Hydrogen Generator program. 25X1

2. Progress since the last visit (19 December 1956) has been nil. [] apologized for being unable to work on the hydrogen generator due to more pressing commitments. However he assured the undersigned that he could devote full time to the project for the rest of the month. The undersigned assured him that this would be necessary inasmuch as the undersigned will be away for the better part of the months of April and May and therefore unable to monitor any of his activity during that period. In addition, the [] proposal for Phase II of the generator program is expected to be received before 1 April 1957 and it may become necessary to curtail or sharply limit one of the programs depending on the progress of the other. 25X1

3. [] did make one inquiry which turned out very encouraging. He received a quotation from [] for lithium hydride at a cost of \$10 per pound. This price is approximately 1/3 of the price earlier encountered and is about 1/3 of the quotation for sodium borohydride (the Battelle generating agent). The quantity requirements of these chemicals for both generators is very nearly the same -- approximately 100 pounds. 25X1

4. The work schedule agreed upon at the time of the last meeting was reaffirmed. 25X1

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